

In re Application of: Jack Chen
Application No.: 10/754,813

Remarks

In the application, claims 1 through 24 are pending. No claims currently stand allowed.

The Office Action dated May 22, 2006, has been carefully considered. The Office Action rejects claims 1 through 3, 5, 14 through 18, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,894,969 ("Speckert"). Claims 4, 6 through 13, and 19 through 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious in light of Speckert.

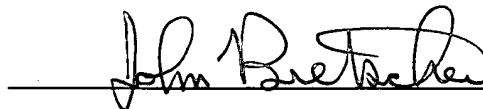
The pending independent claims 1 and 17 are amended to more clearly capture the present invention. The amendments clarify that the loop section sits above the hanger's arms. The amendments are supported by, e.g., paragraph [0005] of the specification and by Figures 1B and 1C.

The claims as amended call for a hanger very different from that of Speckert. In the present invention, the loop section, sitting as it does above the frame, can be used to connect hangers together, even while those hangers support clothes. That is not the case with Speckert's hanger. This difference makes the present invention patentably distinct from Speckert's teachings.

Conclusion

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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